

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006. Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 9 and 17 were amended. Claims 1-20 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to because the drawings were informal.

Formal Drawings are attached to this amendment. Accordingly, the above objection should be traversed.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al. (US Pub. No. 2005/0079878) in view of Hollenberg (USPN 6,091,956).

Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-14 and 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al. (US Pub. No. 2005/0079878) in view of Hollenberg (USPN 6,091,956)) in further in view of Yoshikawa et al. (Pub. No. 2004/0034464).

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al. (US Pub. No. 2005/0079878) in view of Hollenberg (USPN 6,091,956)) in further in view of Le et al. (Pub. No. 2004/0236498).

Applicant submits that the independent claims (Claims 1, 9 and 17) are patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le – taken either alone or in combination.

Applicant's invention as recited in independent claim 1 is directed toward a system for providing traffic information for planning a trip. For example, independent claim 1 specifies that the system comprises cellular telephones, a base station, transmitting means, a processing station and notification means. Claim 1 further specifies that the transmitting means transmits a signal to cause cellular telephones that are in an off position to respond. (See Page 3, lines 17-18)

Claims 9 and 17 contain similar limitations

Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le do not disclose transmitting means that transmits a signal to cause cellular telephones that are in an off position to respond.

Since Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le do not disclose transmitting means that transmit a signal to cause cellular telephones that are in an off position to respond, Applicant believes that independent claim 1, 9 and 17 are patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le – taken alone or in combination – on at least this basis.

Claims 2-8 depend on claim 1. Since claim 1 is believed to be patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le, claims 2-8 are believed to be patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le on the basis of their dependency on claim 1.

Claims 10-16 depend on claim 9. Since claim 9 is believed to be patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le, claims 10-16 are believed to be patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le on the basis of their dependency on claim 9.

Claims 18-20 depend on claim 17. Since claim 17 is believed to be patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le, claims 18-20 are believed to be patentable over Smith, Hollenburg, Yoshikawa and Le on the basis of their dependency on claim 17.

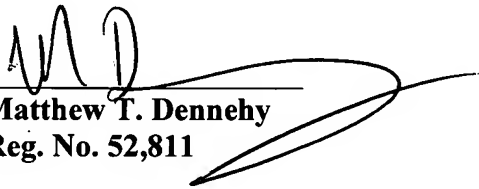
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 06-0515.

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